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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A306 Washington, D.C. 20554 Karen Majcher, Vice President Universal Service Administrative Co. 2000 L Street N.W., Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20036 hcfilings@hcli.universalservice.org

Re:

State Certification of Rural Carrier for Federal Universal Service High Cost Support for January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch and Vice President Majcher:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PaPUC) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that all federal high-cost support provided to CenturyLink, for the year commencing January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2012, will be utilized in a manner consistent with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. 47 U.S.C. § 254(e). As required by section 254(e), the carrier listed above will only utilize the federal high-cost support for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of its facilities and services for which the support is intended within the meaning of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Please time stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to Heidi Wushinske, Assistant Counsel, in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Singerely,

Rosemary Chiavetta

Secretary

cc: Heidi Wushinske, Assistant Counsel Jim Roberts, CenturyLink

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